

PET PEEVES

Which of the pet peeves below do you have about people you know? Which one is the worst?



People who...

- Use your belongings without asking.
- Take forever to order food while you are in line.
- Don't listen carefully when you talk to them.
- Habitually need favors.
- Are always late.

Decide whether the following things are annoying or not.

1. Someone who never makes eye contact.
2. Someone who wears a lot of cologne.
3. Lovers who kiss in public.
4. People with obnoxious laughs.
5. A stranger who happens to be sleeping next to you and leans on your shoulder unknowingly.

What other things do you have a pet peeve about?

Vocabulary Exercise

Find the meaning of the words from the given choices.

resentment

predicament

pet peeve

complaint

- a. a difficult or unpleasant situation
- b. a feeling of anger or displeasure about someone or something unfair
- c. a statement that you are unhappy or not satisfied with something
- d. something that annoys or bothers a person very much

Gap Fill Exercise

Complete the sentences using the words learned.

1. Do you have a _____ to make?
2. I don't know how to get out of the _____ I'm in.
3. My biggest _____ is people driving too slowly on the highway.
4. I am filled with _____ at my boss.

Discussion

Think of a predicament from your own experience. Tell it to the class. Describe the situation. Ask your classmates how to resolve it.

Example:

My friends keep complaining that I spend too much time with my boyfriend. They say I never hang out with them anymore. I don't want to lose my friends, but at the same time, I want to see my boyfriend as much as possible. What would you suggest I do?

